

**METHODS AND SYSTEMS FOR VISUALIZING CATEGORIZED  
INFORMATION**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5       Categorized information is presented in a compelling, distilled,  
pictorial/thematic fashion. Information categories, importance weightings, and  
status-determining criteria may be defined by a user. A user 's custom-defined  
behaviors are used along with a category's current status, time, and location to  
present such visual themes. Systems provided by the invention accommodate  
the interplay between what a given user has defined as important to other  
10   trusted users, vendors, and services, both in location and time-sensitive  
environments. Systems provide a customized look and feel (theme) based on  
user preferences. Users may, through simple drag-and-drop 'meta-commands',  
affect/make changes to such preferences.